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Letter dated 4 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention and the attention of the members of the Security Council to the fact that since 3 October 2000 the Government of Iraq has been organizing the assembly of approximately 500 Iraqis on the Iraqi side of the demilitarized zone near the border with Kuwait, manifestly and openly attempting to create a situation of instability and a climate of tension in the border region. I wish to draw your attention to the grave dangers which such acts and practices pose to the security and stability of the region and to state the following:

1. Kuwait has no doubt whatsoever that this assembly, which has been planned and prepared by the Iraqi Government and announced for some time now, is presently being orchestrated by elements of the information and police services of Iraq who organize and provide transportation for these Iraqis to the border region, install tents for them and provide them with various items to enable them to do what is expected of them and to demonstrate against Kuwait.

2. These demonstrators, who are clearly acting at the instigation of the Iraqi Government, display signs hostile to Kuwait, including such inscriptions as: "Today, an olive branch, tomorrow guns" and "Flee Kuwait before it is too late".

3. At the time that this letter was being prepared, 78 flagrant violations of the territorial sovereignty and security of Kuwait had been committed by the Iraqi side in the demilitarized zone, 18 of them on 2 October 2000 and 60 on 3 October 2000.

Kuwait has taken precautionary measures to defend its borders and is coordinating its actions with the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) in order to counter these actions and practices in which the Government of Iraq persists in engaging with the aim of jeopardizing the security and stability of the region and creating a climate of tension which it openly foments. The hostile intentions of the Iraqi regime towards Kuwait are evident.

What gives cause for concern is the fact that this assembly organized by the Iraqi Government near to the border is only one act in a series of threats made against Kuwait in recent weeks by the Iraqi President and various senior officials of the Iraqi Government. In our letters to the Security Council which were issued as documents S/2000/791, S/2000/876 and S/2000/918, we informed the Council of the substance of these threats and explained the dangers which they represented.

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In view of the foregoing, we once again call upon the Security Council to assume its legal and political responsibilities to deal seriously with these Iraqi provocations and to take the necessary steps to guarantee Iraqi compliance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council.

These recent violations by Iraq are aimed at provoking a crisis in the border region and we therefore also call upon the Security Council to establish the facts concerning these violations in order to uphold the credibility of Kuwait, by requesting the Secretariat, through the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, to undertake an investigation of the matter.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammad A. **Abulhasan**
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